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SUB: W/W THELMA FARROW MCNALLY AND MINOR CHILDREN)

REF: A) STATE 170032, B) ACCRA 3982, AND PREVIOUS

1. DUE TO POOR TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN ACCRA DN KUMASI, CONOFF UNABLE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THELMA FARROW MCNALLY OR DOCTORS AT OKOMFO ANOKYE HOSPITAL IN KUMASI. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO ENUMERATED QUESTIONS ON REFTEL WERE PROVIDED BY AMCIT MRS. GRETTA KEENA. MRS. KEEN, WHOSE HUSBAND IS EMPLOYED BY USAID IN KUMASI, VISITED THELMA FARROW MCNALLY AT KUMASI GENERAL HOSPITAL ON JULY 14. RESPONSES TO PART 4 OF REFTEL FOLLOW:

A. JUNE 8, 1976.

B. ACCORDING TO MRS. KEEN, MRS. MCNALLY AND HER COMMON-LAW HUSBAND (NAME UNKNOWN) WERE PASSENGERS IN AT TAXI WHICH COLLIDED WITH AN OIL TANKER. TAXI DRIVER DIED. MRS. MCNALLY SUFFERED LEG INJURY, CHEST AND ABDOMINAL PAINS, AND AMNESIA. MRS. KEEN WENT ON TO STATE THAT AFTER 4 WEEKS IN OKOMFO ANOKYE HOSPITAL MRS. MCNALLY "FORCED" THE HOSPITAL TO RELEASE HER. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SHE SUFFERED A RELAPSE AND WAS READMITTED LAST WEEK. MRS. KEEN WAS UNAWARE OF A PROGNOSIS.

C. UNKNOWN HOW LONG SHE WILL BE CONFINED IN HOSPITAL. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CHILDREN UNKNOWN.

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MRS. MCNALLY TOLD MRS. KEEN THAT SHE BELIEVED DAUGHTER

RAEFSCHUN RAN AWAY TO ACCRA WITH A MR. YEMOAH, DIRECTOR OF
ICAP CHEMICAL COMPANY. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT
YEMOAH. DEPARTMENT WILL BE NOTIFIED IF CHILDREN'S
WHEREABOUTS DETERMINED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO PART 5 OF REFTEL, PEGGY KOLI,
EMPLOYEE OF EMBASSY COMMISSARY IN ACCRA, IS TRAVELLING TO
KUMASI ON JULY 16. MIS KOLI WILL ATTEMPT
TO SUPPLY MISSING INFORMATION ABOVE./
AND ALSO ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN FROM MRS. MCNALLY WHE-
THER SHE IS STILL INTERESTED IN RETURNING CHILDREN TO
THE U.S. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION WHEN MS KOLI RETURNS TO ACCRA ON JULY 19.

IN RESPONSE TO PART 6 OF REFTEL, COST OF ONE
WAY TICKET, ACCRA-NEW YORK ON PAA, IS \$787.80
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